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Lighthouse Preservation Grants Met with Warm Response

Senator Allen pleased that maritime history is being preserved

Lansing—Senator Jason Allen (R-Traverse City), was very pleased to hear the announcement that a number of municipalities will be receiving grants through the Clean Michigan Initiative for the preservation and restoration of lighthouses.

“When people think of Michigan lighthouses, they think of northern Michigan. Our state has such a rich maritime history. From the days of the schooners to the freight ships of today, lighthouses have been there to guide them,” said Allen.

The Village of Mackinaw City, Presque Isle Township and Whitefish Township all will be receiving grants to preserve the St. Helen Island, Presque Isle and Whitefish Point Light Stations, respectively. Lighthouse preservation also benefits northern Michigan through the creation of recreation and tourism opportunities for the area.

“Lighthouses have guided our mariners for over a century. I am glad that the State has made the commitment to their preservation, so they may continue serve our Great Lakes while fostering tourism in northern Michigan,” Allen said.